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DEATH IN THE SMOKE.

SEVEN PERSONS SMOTHERED IN A NEW YORK FIRE.

Small Blaze in a Tenement House Causes Many Fatalities—Victims Suffocated in Their Beds—German Embargo Is Extended.

Sleep While Life Ebbs.

SEVEN people were smothered to death by smoke in a tenement-house fire at 216 West Thirty-second street, New York. Another woman jumped from a third-story window and will die. The fire came suddenly and cut off all escape by the stairways. In the excitement everybody looked only to his or her own safety, and rushed down the fire escape. The following perished in the building: George Friedman, 3 years; Annie Appleblatt, 12 years; Lena Mitchell, 21 years; Margaret Killian, 10 years; Jacob Killian, her son, 30 years; George Levy, Mrs. Killian's grandson, 20 years. Lena Friedman, mother of the dead child, jumped from the third-story window. She was badly crushed and mangled. The cause of the fire is a five-story brick tenement, the ground floor being occupied by a grocery and the upper stories by a garage with front and rear apartments. The seven families in the house. The only means of escape for the people is by means of a staircase, narrow and dark, which runs directly up the length of the building. Before they were thoroughly aroused the flames shot up through the air shaft and hallway, taking the wood-work and cutting off the escape of the tenants. By the time the firemen came the inmates were in a state of hopelessness. Some of them made their way to the roof and escaped to adjoining houses. Others appeared at windows surrounded by flames and crying piteously for aid. A great crowd gathered in the street below, unable to extend any relief to the jam-packed victims. Those imprisoned persons who did not lose their heads climbed out on the fire escapes, and some of them reached the ground in this way. The fire was extinguished soon after the hose was turned on, and though the work of rescue was prosecuted with zeal from the instant the firemen arrived on the scene, they were too late. The damage to the house will not exceed \$5,000.

Fate of Two Sioux.

TWO SIOUX, the Sioux Indian indicted for the murder of the cowboy James Iacon, was found guilty at Leadwood, S. D. The murder occurred on the Sioux Reservation in February, 1899. Two Sioux and four other Indians went to Humphrey's ranch and Sturgis' ranch and sat around the stove smoking with four cowboys. At a given signal the four cowboys were killed. No reason has been given in the evidence for the deed except that the hearts were bad. Two sticks sat throughout the trial with his wicked face nearly buried in his red handkerchief and laughing delightedly at any reference in the evidence to his part in the killing. Of the other four Indians, White Face Horse and Two Two have pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Fights with a serving his time in the penitentiary, and the other, First Eagle, was killed while resisting arrest. Under the United States statutes, there is but one penalty for the crime of murder, and that is hanging.

NEWS NUGGETS.

The prohibition against the landing of American cattle and American dressed meat, announced by a decree of the Hamburg Senate on Saturday last, has been extended to every part of Germany.

EX-PREMIER MERCIER died at Montreal Tuesday morning. Mercier was in his 80th year and one of the ablest men Canada has produced for many a day. He was born in 1819 in the village of Ilverley, Province of Quebec.

A GUN fired by Philip Raymond, of West Newton, Mass., for the purpose of killing a muskrat which had been robbing his new house, exploded and killed Mrs. Raymond. A 9-year-old son, standing at her side, was also fatally injured by flying fragments of the gun-barrel.

HENRY FREDERICK SCHATZEL, a Brooklyn banker is about to bring suit for property in Texas amounting to nearly two hundred and seventy square miles and worth at least \$25,000,000. He claims the property as heir of an uncle who served with Sam Houston in the revolt against Mexico.

FIRE at Kansas City destroyed the store and stock of the Green Grocery Company. The store was a four-story building at Santa Fe and St. Louis avenue, and was built in 1885 at a cost of \$30,000. It was insured for \$5,000. The stock was worth \$80,000 and was insured for \$30,000. James Green was the sole owner of the building and stock.

THE International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Bern, Switzerland, has officially announced that the postal administration of Salvador gives circulation in its mails to packages containing live bees. Consequently packages containing live bees will be admitted as "samples" to the mails hereafter dispatched from this country to the republic of Salvador, provided they are properly packed.

WARDEN ALLEN offers \$50 for the capture of Convict Frank Stadman, who escaped from Joliet prison.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., has experienced light earthquake shocks for the last week. A spring of water obliterated by the earthquake two years ago has again sprung into existence.

WHILE J. W. Thompson, Town Marshal of York, Ala., was attempting to prevent a quarrel between S. A. Cameron and E. F. Allison, a revolver was accidentally discharged, and he received a bullet in his heart.

EASTERN.

THE postoffice at Pearing Springs, Pa., was looted by thieves. The office safe was blown open with dynamite and \$13,000 in stamps and cash, and money orders amounting to \$453 stolen.

AT Buffalo, N. Y., John S. Johnson smashed the world's record for a mile over a straightway course Wednesday. He covered the distance in 1:55.25, which is fourteen seconds faster than it was ever made before by a single rider and six seconds faster than the tandem record. Johnson's time is one-tenth of a second faster than that of Salvador, 1:55.1, which is the world's record for a running horse.

PAPERS were filed in the Secretary of State's office at Trenton, N. J., which indicate the formation of a new whisky trust. The papers comprise the articles of incorporation of a concern to be known as the Great White Spirit Company, the legal authorized capital being limited by the charter to \$50,000,000. The objects for which the company is formed are stated in the articles of incorporation to be to make, buy, and sell, and deal in spirits and liquor of all kinds and sorts, and to buy, sell, and deal in any and all material from which spirits of any kind may be made, and all material necessary and incidental to the business of distilling, and in general to carry on the business of distillers in the United States, and any business incidental thereto; to purchase, refine, sell, coal in, and manufacture molasses and sugar of all kinds, and all products of the sugar cane, including the acquisition by purchase, by manufacture, or otherwise, of all materials, supplies, machinery, and other articles necessary or convenient for use in connection with and in carrying on the business herein described.

THE price of coal is not going down. Recent dispatches from Philadelphia indicate the anthracite pool had been broken up and that a cut-throat war was about to begin. But Thursday Chicago coal dealers received telegraphic advices to advance the price of anthracite in car-load lots from \$5 to \$5.25. The reason for the advance in the price of coal many during the summer labor troubles and the strike among the soft coal miners many operators of anthracite fields, fancying they foresaw a short market, mined sufficient hard coal to glut the market in the late summer and early autumn. This kept prices down. In the early portion of the season late rates on coal were as low as 25 cents and rail rates fell from \$5 to \$3.50. Since then late rates have risen to 70 cents, and while rail rates have not changed, an advance to \$4 is expected within the next few days. Also, the cold weather is beginning and examination of stocks on hand shows Chicago dealers that the supply is by no means as great as it was thought to be. Further, small dealers with outputs of a million tons have placed their product in advance of that of the big dealers with outputs of four millions. And these are the reasons the coal men give for making the public pay a little more for winter fuel.

WESTERN.

GOVERNOR MATTHEWS is reorganizing the Indiana militia by weeding out all members of trades unions.

THE East St. Louis freight depot of the St. Louis Transfer Company caught fire about 11 o'clock Sunday night and was almost totally destroyed with its contents. The loss is about \$500,000.

AT Kansas City, Assistant United States District Attorney Draffen has rendered a decision to the effect that repeaters at election times cannot be punished in the United States courts.

WHILE testifying against his wife in divorce proceedings at Kansas City, William Macy, of Iowa, Kan., was accused by Mrs. Macy of having murdered William Cummings last August.

THE National Investment Company of Milwaukee, whose scheme for making fortunes quickly was similar to the Missouri bank schemes, has been declared illegal by the supreme court.

PROF. WYLLIE MELLETT, son of ex-Gov. Mellette, of South Dakota, and instructor in the mechanical department of the Agricultural College, cut his throat with a razor. When found he was dead.

LEBANON, Ind., a dispatch says, is at the mercy of an organized gang of robbers. The postoffice was robbed of \$1,000 in cash and stamps Monday night, and the residence of nearly every prominent man in the vicinity has been raided.

A WAGON containing a party returning from a dance was struck by a Big Four train near Lebanon, Ind., Sunday morning and five of the merry-makers were killed. The dead were Gertrude Davis, Grace Davis, Tenna George, Carl Gowans, May McDaniel.

FITZROY D. MONCRIEF, for eighteen years a private in Company E, Nineteenth Infantry, stationed at Detroit, received notice from relatives in Scotland the other day that \$100,000 had been left to him. The next day he was found dead in his bed.

THE Wisconsin Supreme Court has set aside the verdict against ex-Banker Koetting and ordered a new trial. Koetting was rearrested at Milwaukee recently on a corrected charge. The decision will also result in the arrest of the officers and directors of the Plankinton Bank.

THE Northern Pacific has completed arrangements with the Tacoma (Wash.) Land Company for the latter to build a 2,000,000-bushel wheat warehouse, 750 by 200 feet, two stories high, to be completed at the commencement of next season's grain-shipping business.

THE Cook gang in Indian Territory is headed for the mountains in the western part of the Nation, with the Indian police, Indian sheriffs and United States marshals in close pursuit. As heavy rewards are offered for the leaders of the gang, dead or alive, it is believed that they will be captured soon.

SPECIAL AGENT M. F. HERLEY, of Chicago, has been on the Pacific coast incognito for several months, engaged in investigating Chinese cigarette frauds. He intimates there are fully 4,000 fraudulent certificates in California. They have not all been used, but are for sale by Chinese and white agents. The agent is trying to discover the person in the government

who has been in collusion with the vendors of fraudulent certificates.

A FEARFUL fire swept over the southern part of Cherry County and the northern part of Grant County, Neb. The fire has burned over a strip of country fifty miles in width and destroyed hay stacks, homes, and in some instances stock. Two men, names unknown, have perished in the flames. The hay of a number of stockmen was burned and a large space of range ruined. The fire is spreading and extending further north. The destruction of property is great and a number of stockmen will be ruined financially.

THE difficulties of the Hiawatha (Kas.) Pullman Co-operative Company have been adusted and a charter has been applied for. The capital stock is \$75,000. The workmen take \$5,000 of the stock and pay for it in work. Eighteen families and thirty-two men will arrive at once from the Pullman works. The superintendent of the Hiawatha manufactory will be D. H. Vannasche, said to be one of the finest workmen employed by the Pullman company. The new works will not be a manufacture of cars, but will make furniture and collars and anything there is a demand for.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire raged for an hour Friday morning in a large three-story brick warehouse belonging to the Wm. Dering company, near Chicago. The fire started in a room filled with hemp, out of which tins for the binders is made. The stuff burned like tinder and the whole warehouse was soon in flames. Beside the hemp the building contained much machinery and it was almost totally destroyed. The loss on building and contents will probably reach \$50,000. No cause has yet been assigned for the origin of the fire, but even a spark in the hemp-room could have caused it. The theory of spontaneous combustion was advanced by many who knew the surroundings.

SIXTEEN persons—ten men, three women and three children—were burned to death in the West Street Hotel Seattle, Wash., Saturday morning. Thirteen bodies have been identified. The estimated loss is less than \$20,000, well insured. The fire was a doubtless caused by the explosion of a lamp in the kitchen. The proprietor's son was aroused by the noise of the explosion about 1 o'clock, but before he could investigate the flames had spread all through the house. The corrugated iron sheeting kept the flames hid until nearly the whole interior was a furnace. The thin partitions were of resinous pine covered with cheese cloth and burned furiously.

THE Farmers' National Bank of Malvern, Iowa, was wrecked and looted by robbers about 3 o'clock the other morning. The vault and safes inside of the vault were blown to pieces, the concession completely wrecking the entire fixtures of the building. Three distinct explosions were heard, the third awakening residents in the neighborhood, who arose and repaired to the scene, but did not arrive until the robbers had fled. Some of the money was found in the street and some bills and securities were found in the debris by the bank officials. It is estimated that the robbers got between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The country is being searched for miles around for the robbers. The bank officials state that the depositors will lose nothing, the bank sustaining all the loss.

THE prairie fires which prevailed in Grant, Cherry, Sheridan, and Thomas Counties, Neb., for several days have assumed vast proportions. They started in Sheridan County, and have thus far burned over a section of country forty miles wide. The damage to hay ranch property, and cattle is enormous, but nothing like an accurate estimate is yet possible. Many lives are supposed to have been lost, and thousands of tons of hay have been burned, leaving the cattlemen destitute. Homes and stock were also burned, and cattle ranges are ruined. Hundreds of the thousands of head of cattle are grazing in Cherry, Thomas, Grant, and other counties where the fires are raging. These cattle were sent there from the southern part of the State, where the drought has been felt so heavily, to graze for the winter. It is feared a large proportion of these cattle have perished.

THE fact is made public that a large sum of money has been mysteriously taken from boxes in the safety vaults of the Omaha National Bank. The principal loser in the case is William Gladish, the retail druggist. Last March he placed in his box the sum of \$2,700 in gold. He discovered Oct. 3 about \$1,500 of the amount was missing. He notified Mr. Millard, and the investigation commenced. Another party was known to have lost money in the vault is Blanche Wilson. She claims three \$100 bills have been abstracted from her box and that she has no means of knowing how the money was lost. The discovery of the losses has overwhelmed the Omaha National officials with perplexity. They place every reliance on the parties who have any connection with the management of the vaults, and are thoroughly in the dark as to how the losses could have occurred. The vaults are constructed in the basement of the bank building. The private boxes are surrounded with every safeguard and the ingenuity of science can devise. The individual boxes, of which there are several hundred, are inside a burglar-proof vault, constructed of the best hardened steel, and supplied with double time locks. Each private box has a strong lock, which cannot be opened without the use of two different keys.

SOUTHERN.

THE trial of the members of the mob who lynched six negroes near Millington, Tenn., Aug. 31, has begun.

DIPHTHERIA is epidemic in Southern Illinois and Kentucky. Forty deaths are reported during last week near Caseyville, Ky.

FIFTEEN masked men entered the jail at Fort Stockton, Texas, a few days ago and kidnapped Victor Ochoa, the Mexican revolutionary leader. It is presumed they have taken him a cross the boundary and shot him. He was an American citizen and could not be extradited.

JOSE MARIA HERRERA, a shepherd, discovered forty miles west of Durango, Mex., a cave in which he found a box filled with gold coins and ornaments, the whole worth \$30,000. It is supposed that the treasure is a part of the ill-gotten gains of the bri-

grand Benito Nariz, who operated in that section about thirty years ago.

WASHINGTON.

A DECREASE of \$14,281,593, of which \$10,000,000 is in the item of pensions, is shown by Secretary Smith's estimates for the next fiscal year.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has held that whisky in a customs bonded warehouse cannot be released on payment of duties and deposited in a distillery warehouse, the duty extending the bonded period eight years.

THE War Department has referred to the Attorney General for decision the request of the Interior Department for troops for use as a posse comitatus in Indian Territory. The department holds it would be illegal to use troops to chase a train of robbers, and there is no evidence the Indians have suffered.

A CRANK, one of not a few, called on Dr. Joseph Bryant, 52 West 36th street, New York, where President Cleveland was stopping, and demanded to see the President. The man is Richard Roder, of 414 West 5th street. He is the same crank who, some years ago, wrote to Emperor William of Germany challenging him to a duel. Roder went up to Dr. Bryant's house about nine o'clock. He rang the doorbell violently, and when the butler responded, demanded to see Mr. Cleveland. The butler told him quietly but firmly that the President could not be seen. Roder was finally angry and going away. That President Cleveland is not surrounded by a throng of private detectives is shown by the episode of the morning. None of them was on hand at the time of Crank Roder's arrival.

FOREIGN.

THE American Line steamship Paris, just arrived at Southampton, ran down and sank an unknown ship.

LATER dispatches from the Yalu River show that in the battle fought between the Chinese and Japanese 3,700 Chinese troops of all arms were utterly routed.

NATHAN STRAUSS, who at one time signaled a willingness to be Tammany's candidate for Mayor of New York City, has given up the contest and sailed for Bremen, Germany.

AT Brest one of the boilers of the French cruiser Arethuse exploded while the vessel was lying in harbor. Six of the crew were instantly killed and twenty more were more or less seriously injured.

CHANCELLOR VON CAPRIVI has handed his resignation to the Emperor. Count zu Eulenburg, President of the Ministerial Council, has also resigned. Dr. Michael, Prussian Finance Minister, has been appointed President of the council, and Prince von Hohenlohe-Schillingen, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has been offered the chancellorship. Before offering the chancellorship to Prince Hohenlohe, Emperor William consulted with the envoys from Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Saxony, and Baden. It is reported that Prince Hohenlohe declined the office owing to his age. The Emperor has summoned General Waldersee, the political soldier who was conspicuous in the final victories against Bismarck. The general inference is that he intends to make him Caprivi's successor.

IN GENERAL.

ALL hope for the safety of the whaling ship Falcon has been abandoned.

MRS. CLEVELAND has consented to christen the steamship St. Louis on Nov. 12.

THE American Type Founders' Company has turned out the old management and elected a new board of directors.

MISS ANNA GOULD returned to New York from Europe, and the rumor that she is to marry W. B. Harriman is revived.

BILL COOK's gang of outlaws raided Watova and Tala, I. T., drove the citizens of the streets and looted the stores and postoffices.

MORRAY, the socialist leader now in England, is headed for the United States, and it is said, there is a general exodus of anarchists and the like for America.

RECEIVER MCNEILL, of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, has under consideration a project for the establishment of a steam ship line between Portland and the Orient.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.
CATTLE—Common to Prime.....\$17.75 @ \$20.00
HOGS—Shipping Grades.....4.00 @ 6.25
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.....2.00 @ 3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....41 @ 52
CORN—No. 2.....34 @ 32
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....27 @ 28
EGGS—Fresh.....46 @ 47
EGGS—Fresh.....17 1/2 @ 18 1/2
POTATOES—Carrots.....55 @ 70

INDIANAPOLIS.
CATTLE—Shipping.....3.00 @ 5.75
HOGS—Choice Light.....4.00 @ 6.00
SHEEP—Common to Prime.....2.00 @ 3.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....48 @ 49
CORN—No. 2 White.....42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 White.....31 @ 32

ST. LOUIS.
CATTLE.....3.00 @ 5.75
HOGS.....4.00 @ 6.00
SHEEP.....2.00 @ 3.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....48 @ 49
CORN—No. 2 White.....42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 White.....31 @ 32

CINCINNATI.
CATTLE.....3.10 @ 5.60
HOGS.....4.00 @ 6.00
SHEEP.....2.00 @ 3.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....48 @ 49
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....30 @ 31
RYE—No. 2.....25 @ 26

DETROIT.
CATTLE.....2.50 @ 5.00
HOGS.....4.00 @ 6.25
SHEEP.....2.00 @ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2 White.....40 @ 41
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....30 @ 31
OATS—No. 2 White.....25 @ 26

BUFFALO.
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....57 @ 68
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....55 @ 56
OATS—No. 2 White.....34 @ 35 1/2

MILWAUKEE.
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....54 1/2 @ 55 1/2
CORN—No. 3.....52 @ 53 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.....31 @ 32
BARLEY—No. 2.....53 @ 55
RYE—No. 1.....49 @ 50
PORK—Mess.....11 7/8 @ 12 1/2

NEW YORK.
CATTLE.....3.00 @ 5.50
HOGS.....4.00 @ 6.50
SHEEP.....2.00 @ 3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....46 @ 47 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....30 @ 31
OATS—White Western.....35 @ 40
EGGS—Western.....19 @ 20

HEAVY FIRE LOSSES. BURNED IN A HOTEL.

PITTSBURG, AKRON AND ST. LOUIS SUFFER.

Argentine Shaken by a Fearful Earthquake—El Mahdi Unfurled the Standard of the Prophet—Japs in America Contribute the Sinews of War.

Feathers in a Flame.

WHAT promised to be an ugly fire broke out at Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday night in the wholesale millinery and trimming goods establishment of J. J. Porter & Co., Liberty avenue. The loss to the firm is total, estimated at \$200,000, and damage to the building, which is owned by H. E. Jones, will increase the loss by \$150,000. When the alarm was turned in the performance at the Academy of Music next door was in full blast. A panic followed, but nothing serious resulted. The Seventh Avenue Hotel is three doors above Porter & Co.'s place, and the guests were inclined to be panicky. The hotel people, however, succeeded in quieting their fears. At Akron, O., a large brick grocery owned by George C. Schaeffer and also occupied by the meat market of John Butti-ger burned Monday morning. Mr. Schaeffer and his family escaped by jumping from the second-story windows. Loss, \$22,000; insurance, \$12,000.

Thousands Die by Earthquake.

LA PLATA, capital of a province of that name in Argentina, lost churches, schools, public buildings, and many dwellings Sunday night by earthquake. The first shock was felt at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, and thereafter was a succession of shocks, some lasting twenty-six seconds. The people ran screaming from their homes, women fainting by the score. It is estimated that 2,000 persons perished in the province, as the disturbance was widespread. At several points the earth opened and hot water and boiling mud flowed over the country. The village of Del Arbridon disappeared in one of the shocks, and other towns report destruction that makes 10,000 persons homeless. The general government sent medical aid, tents, and provisions and laborers to clear away the ruins of collapsed towns and various cities are contributing largely to a relief fund. The wave appears to have passed on to the south of the La Plata. South of Buenos Ayres no damage is reported.

BREVITIES.

RUNS on the "discretionary pools" at Pittsburg have ceased.

NEWARK police refused to permit Herr Mett and his company to present "Die Weber."

TWENTY-ONE men have been forced to leave Newport, Ark., under suspicion of being incendiaries.

GENERAL CIENFUEGOS, the young Lieutenant of General Ezeta who was released from the Alameda County, California, jail on an order from Secretary Gresham, has taken passage on the steamer San Jose for Acapulco.

ACCORDING to the best figures obtainable the University of Pennsylvania has seventy more students this year than in 1907-91. The total of 189-94 was 2,172. This year the attendance in all departments sums up to 2,252.

A LARGE Hungarian boarding-house at Laurel Run, Pa., was blown to atoms by dynamite at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and three of the inmates killed outright, four fatally injured, and a half-dozen seriously hurt. Robbery was the object.

ADVICES from Kassala state that the mahdi has proclaimed a holy war against the Italians. The Governor of Masowah has ordered the Fifth battalion to be in readiness by Nov. 1, when the Italian troops at Kassala will number 7,000 and the mahdi's army 12,000.

JAPANESE residents of the Pacific coast have recently remitted to the War Department at Tokio \$10,000, to be used in the present campaign against China. Another \$10,000 will be sent next week, and periodical remittances will be sent as long as the war lasts.

SIX weeks ago Mrs. Emma Wohl-huter's house was burned at Akron, Ohio. She made a statement that three negroes had fired the premises after assaulting her and throwing her into the cellar. The colored people began an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the woman on a charge of arson.

ANOTHER step in acknowledgment of woman's rights has been taken at Milwaukee, where Adolph Scholz has begun suit for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise against Kathrine Pilger. Scholz sold out his banking business in Germany and journeyed to the C. city to wed Kathrine, but she refused to keep the engagement.

AT Indianapolis, Ind., Judge Brown sustained the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias in its suit against Koerner Lodge for property. Koerner Lodge seceded because the Supreme Lodge ruled out the German ritual. It surrendered its charter but held its property. The case is a test and is regarded as important in that it will be followed by other suits throughout the United States. An appeal will be taken.

THERE was a heavy snowstorm lasting eight hours Sunday in Nebraska. Live stock is said to be suffering greatly.

DRIVEN frantic by Hubert Allen's snoring, John Hoffman shot his tormentor and then put a bullet into his own head. Hoffman will die.

FRANK KLINE, son of ex-City Marshal Kline, and Otis Savage, whose father was Circuit Judge for years, have been arrested at The Dalles, Ore., for the Pacific Express robbery of \$14,000. All but \$400 was recovered.

FOREST fires are raging in the vicinity of Timble, Tenn., and Corinth, Miss.

THE 7-year-old child of Mrs. Ollie Shackleford, of Frankfort, Ky., was taken with hydrophobia. The child was bitten at three weeks ago by a dog.

SIXTEEN PERSONS PERISH BY FIRE AT SEATTLE.

Shot Up in a Fire Trap, They Are Suffocated and Cremated Without Hope of Escape—Women and Children Among the Victims—List of the Dead.

Caused by a Lamp Explosion.

Sixteen persons—ten men, three women, and three children—were burned to death in the West Street Hotel at Seattle, Wash., early Saturday morning. The killed, with names so far as known, are: E. Bolman, M. McColey, Agnes Nixon, C. Wilson, Anderson, Andrew O'erson, Mrs. O'erson and her mother, Mrs. Huffman and little son and daughter, four men, one woman, and one child, unidentified, recognition impossible.

The West Street Hotel occupied the upper floor of a two-story corrugated iron building that covered a quarter of a block of ground at Columbia and West streets, one block from the Northern Pacific Depot, and near the business center of the city. The building was a mere shell of wood, covered with iron. There were several exits to the street, but they were narrow. The halls were narrow and the rooms small. Wholesale business was carried on the ground floor. The hotel, being near the railroad depot and a cheap but reputable house, was much patronized by country people.

The fire was undoubtedly caused by the explosion of a lamp in the kitchen in the rear of the house. The proprietors son was aroused by the noise of the explosion about 1 o'clock, but before he could investigate the flames spread all through the house. The corrugated iron sheeting kept the flames hidden until nearly the whole interior was a furnace. The thin partitions were of resinous pine, covered with cheese cloth, and burned furiously. It was not until the flames were seen burning in the windows by people in the streets that an alarm was turned in. When the firemen arrived the fire did not present an alarming aspect. The people at the windows were rescued with ladders and boards, some escaping with hardly any clothing.

Shocking Discoveries by the Firemen.

The firemen discovered a case after corpse, until, at 4 o'clock, they had counted fifteen. Subsequently another was discovered. Most of the bodies were left where they lay until daylight in the hope the proprietors might identify them by locating the rooms on the register, for all except two were charred beyond possibility of recognition. The bodies were taken to the morgue in boxes or canvas sacks. The arrangements of the halls of the hotel made such a labyrinth that in the daytime one unfamiliar with the place would have had difficulty in finding his way about. Without second attempts, and as the halls were filled with smoke there was little chance for any of them to make their way out before suffocating. Some of the bodies were asleep and were overtaken in bed, while others rushed into the halls and were suffocated and burned.

BLOW AT UNCLE SAM.

German Government Excludes American Live Cattle and Fresh Beef.

The German government has published a decree prohibiting the importation of American live cattle and fresh beef on the ground that two curages which have just arrived contained several animals suffering from Texas fever. This action, a Washington dispatch says, was not entirely unexpected by the agricultural department, although it officials had hoped up to the last moment that the Germans would prove open to reason. The matter will not be allowed to rest where it now stands, but our government will cause a thorough investigation to be made of the case of the alleged Texas fever on which the German government has seen fit to act in such a summary fashion. No doubt is felt here that these alleged cases will turn out to be founded on a mistaken diagnosis, for if there is any cattle disease that the German veterinarians know little or nothing about, that disease is Texas fever, a purely climatic, non-infectious fever peculiar to America. That is the opinion of the Agricultural Department, and experts who have studied the disease for years and a careful of the state of knowledge on the subject in Europe. If the departmental examination, as expected, results in disproving the existence of the cases complained of, our Government will enter a very vigorous protest against the action of Germany and seek to make it clear that it means assigned for the destruction of our meat trade is disingenuously stated.

SHORN OF ITS TERROR.

French Claim that Diphtheria Is to Be Cured by Inoculation Hereafter.

The new treatment by inoculation for diphtheria and croup, as practiced in France, is the subject of a special report to the State Department by United States Consul C. W. Chancelor, at Havre. The Consul gives in detail a history of the development of the treatment by Dr. Pasteur and his assistant, Dr. Roux, who have been experimenting with it for five years, keeping it secret until they had satisfied themselves of its efficacy and had subjected the animal the horse best adapted to transform diphtheritic poison into an anti-toxin. A trial of the new treatment at one of the largest children's hospitals of Paris resulted in reducing the death rate from diphtheria from 51.70 per cent to 4.33 per cent. In addition it is stated that children vaccinated with the serum were protected from the disease even while living in close contact with diphtheritic patients. As the Pasteur Institute cannot meet the great demand for the serum movements are on foot in different localities to establish auxiliary stations. In light cases one injection of the serum is sufficient.

Our Population.

Of the emigration movement of the world, two thirds were directed to the United States, the remainder to South America and Australia.

For the United States as a whole there were in 1890 10,000 males to 15,200 females, so that a majority of the males will be unable to get wives if they really need them.

The persons of African descent are classified according to the degrees of colored blood into 6,337,980 blacks, 956,989 mulattoes, 105,135 quadroons, and 69,936 octaroons.